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Subject: Proposed Examiner's Amendment for Case (10/572,672) and Attorney Docket Number (RXPT-080505.015)

The Examiner is of the opinion that the claims as written read on head as Phelan (4,846,477) (Fig. 1) where there are only a single vertical groove on a striking face and a top or bottom edge of the striking face is able to meet the definition of a linear edge and if the head is tilted forward or backwards it is able to produce an essentially linear contact area either at the toe or heel side of the striking face. Fioretti (6,520,865, Fig. 1) has a striking face producing linear top edge and a horizontal groove but not a striking face thickness as amended below with only a single groove along a length of the striking face. Reina (D387,828) discloses two single grooves on a striking face on a flat blade. However Reina does not have a striking face having a thickness as defined by the claims or only a single groove on a striking face. Perkins (5,467,987) and White (3,333,854) also disclose faces with only a single groove and a linear edge able to hit a ball in an essentially linear contact area horizontal to the ground. However Perkins and White do not disclose a face thickness as amended below. Please consider and call back.

Sincerely, /Stephen Blau/ (571-272-4406)

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. In claim 1 line 7 the words “and wherein a single” have been replaced by the words -- wherein only a single --.
- b. In claim 1 line 8 after the words “length of the striking face” the words -- , wherein said only a single groove is horizontal to the ground when said first linear edge is horizontal to the ground and said bottom side is facing the ground, and wherein the striking face is less than .25 inch (6.4mm) thick between the sides defining the first linear edge -- have been added.
- c. Claims 3-4, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18-19, 22-24, 27 and 29 are canceled.
- d. In claim 7 line 7 the words “and wherein a single” have been replaced by the words -- wherein only a single --.
- e. In claim 7 line 8 after the words “length of the striking face” the words -- , wherein said only a single groove is horizontal to the ground when said first linear edge is horizontal to the ground and said bottom side is facing the ground, and wherein the striking face is less than .25 inch (6.4mm) thick between the sides defining the first linear edge -- have been added.